Prices of flucort range formulations

2028. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4588 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices for Flucort range of formulations were fixed under DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, when were the prices fixed;

(c) what was the price fixed for each pack and each strength and what mark up was given;

(d) what was the bulk drug prices taken and whether his Ministry verified the Purchase Invoice and Bill of Entry;

(e) if so, what was the source of imports and name of supplier; and

(f) whether it is a fact that company continues to overcharge the price and overinvoicing?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (f) The required details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Price Control on Flucinolone

2029. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4588 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that landed cost of import of Flucinolone during the year 1985-86 was Rs. 58 lakhs;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is only one formulator of this drug;

(c) whether it is also a fact that imports of the drug are being over-invoiced; and

(d) if so, whether the drug will be brought under price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) As already intimated in reply to part (b) of the Unstarred Question No. 4588 answered on 5th Sept., 1988, the CIF value of the imports in 1985-86 worked out to Rs. 28.93 lakhs. To this, Customs Duty etc. as leviable at the relevant time are added for arriving at the landed cost.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Flucinolone and its formulations are price decontrolled under DPCO, 1987 as recommended by the Kelkar Committee. Various representations received by the Government against the Kelkar Committee recommendations were forwarded to the committee. Supplementary report submitted by the committee is under examination.

Recovery under Para 7(2) of DPCO 1979

2030. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is maintaining the records in respect to Drug companies whom notices under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 were issued or are being issued;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has dropped the proceedings against certain companies;

(c) if so, what are the names of the companies and reasons for the same;

(d) whether it is a fact that no follow up action has been taken against these notices after 1986 and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps are being proposed or taken by Government to expediate the recovery and what amount under Para 7(2) has been recovered during 1986, 1987 and upto 31st October, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a), (d) and (e) The amounts assessed in respect of certain drugs have been disputed by the com-